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VIOLENT ROBBER SENTENCED TO 293 MONTHS IN PRISON

PHILADELPHIA - Anthony Hadaway, 35, of Philadelphia, was sentenced today to 293 months in prison for two violent robberies of commercial establishments in Philadelphia during the summer of 2008. In November 2010, a federal jury found Hadaway guilty of the August 2008 robbery at the Fashion Unlimited clothing store, located at 6127 Woodland Avenue, and the August 2008 armed robbery of the EZ-Cleaners dry cleaning store, located at 701 S. 52nd Street.

During the robbery at the Fashion Unlimited store, Hadaway viciously assaulted the store owner by grabbing the back of her head and smashing her face against the floor. A trauma surgeon at the hospital where she was treated testified that the victim suffered life-threatening injuries as a result of the attack. She is permanently disfigured and has been unable to reopen her business.

In the second robbery, Hadaway threatened to murder the store owner while pressing a knife against her and then tied her up in the back of her store. Hadaway took approximately \$800 from Fashion Unlimited and \$200 from EZ Cleaners dry cleaning.

In addition to granting the government's request for an upward variance based on the violent nature of the crime, U.S. District Court Judge J. Curtis Joyner ordered Hadaway to complete three years of supervised release and pay restitution in the amount of \$800.

This investigation and prosecution was part of *Project Safe Neighborhoods*, a joint initiative by the United States Attorney's Office, each of the nine District Attorney's Offices in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to identify and prosecute dangerous firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction.

This case was investigated by the Philadelphia Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas M. Zaleski.

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